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Closing Week AT THE CLEARING SALE, 19 Lake-st.

Having made arrangements to close out our business on January 1, we shall offer, this week, the balance of our stock at greatly REDUCED PRICES, And shall add to it our Store and Office Furniture, Counters, SAFES, DESKS, COUNTERS, Chairs, &c., &c., which will be sold at such prices as will guarantee their ready sale.

Remember this is the last week in which we sell at Wholesale Cost Prices

IRVINE & CO.

H. B. CLIFFORD, Managing Partner.

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Superb Gifts FOR THE HOLIDAYS! Also, many Unusual Bargains.

STEINWAY Pianos of every style. Especially we desire to study that we are the general factors of the beautiful

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The tones sweet, clear, rich, and even across the entire scale, and the touch elastic, responsive, and durable, and we have the largest assortment of them in the city, and can offer low prices, and on easy terms.

SMITH & NIXON, 150 South Clark-st.

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Purchasing on the responsibility of sixteen of the most reliable firms in the country, we are prepared to offer

Burdett Organ,

THE CONSOLIDATED! THE PIPE TOP!

150 South Clark-st. LYON & HEALY.

ORGANS.

MASON & HAMLIN CABINET ORGANS.

New Styles, $50 to $1,000 each.

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FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE, APPLY TO HENRY GREENEBAUM & CO., BANKERS, Corner Lake and LaSalle-sts.

UNION INSURANCE AND TRUST CO.

Savings Bank, 120 DEARBORN-ST., northeast corner Monroe.

HIBERNIAN BANKING ASSOCIATION

SAVINGS BANK, S. E. corner Lake and Clark-sts., Chicago.

Foreign Exchange.

FURNITURE.

FASHIONABLE FURNITURE. WM. W. STRONG, 303 Randolph-st.

GENERAL NOTICES.

CARD.

Picture Frames Given Away.

ELECTION NOTICE.

FINANCIAL.

Money to Turn Corners AND TO LOAN TO Merchants and others on Diamonds, Jewelry, Watches, Clothing, Furniture, Pianos, Horses, Carriages, Notes, Mortgages, Collaterals, and Personal Property of every description, at LOWEST RATES, and for any length of time to suit borrowers. Private entrance for ladies. Office open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Sundays, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. H. D. LAFLIN, 75 Dearborn-st., Room 1.

WANTED TO LOAN—$7,000 FOR SALE.

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ERNST HEINKING,

STEREOSCOPES AND VIEWS. STEREOSCOPES AND VIEWS. STEREOSCOPES AND VIEWS. Holiday Presents. CLARK.

DOLLAR STORE. FOR ONE WEEK ONLY, COMMENCING DEC. 26.

In order to reduce our stock of Fancy Goods, to make room for a large stock of Dry Goods,

WE WILL SELL IN OUR $1.00 DEPARTMENT, Four Articles for $3. IN OUR $2.00 DEPARTMENT, One Article for $1.50. IN OUR $3.00 DEPARTMENT, One Article for $2.

This Sale will only continue till January 1, 1871.

REVOLUTION DOLLAR STORE, 73 Lake-st.

FLOUR.

IONIC MILLS, Fox, Michigan and North Dunkerton.

RETAIL TRADE A SPECIALTY.

Best Spring Wheat Flour - - - - 25 per bbl. Choice White Winter Wheat Flour - 25 per bbl. Best White Winter Wheat Flour - - 50 per bbl. California White Winter Wheat Flour $1.50 per sack.

Delivered promptly to any part of the city without charge for cartage.

J. D. COLE, Jr., Proprietor.

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D. M. TOWNER, DENTIST, 181 & 183 West Madison-st., Southwest corner Halsted.

VITALIZED AIR GIVEN IN EXTRACTING TEETH. NO PAIN. NO DANGER.

Extracting Teeth, each - - - 50c
Artificial Teeth, very best, $20 to $25
Cheaper Sets, - - $10 to $15
Solid Gold Fillings, - - $2 to $5
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TEETH EXTRACTED AND NEW ONES INSERTED WITHOUT PAIN.

Rest of the above charges moderate.

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FURS! FURS! FOR BARGAINS IN MINK FURS! GO TO BREWSTER, Furrier, (Under SHERMAN HOUSE.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

Holiday Presents. What better present can you make your WIFE, DAUGHTER, or SISTER, than a first-class SEWING MACHINE. Go once and let them TRY a "WEED" before purchasing any other. They can have a "WEED" ON TRIAL ONE WEEK AND FULL INSTRUCTION GIVEN at HOME FREE OF CHARGE. WEED SEWING MACHINE CO., No. 137 Lake-st.

FOR SALE.

NEW CROP N. O. SYRUP, JUST RECEIVED From Walter and Brunson's Rockbar Plantation, Bayou Teche, Franklin, La. For sale by the barrel or hogshead, and in half barrels, selected expressly for table use. Address WM. PARK, 181 Lake-st., Chicago.

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I HAVE FURNITURE FOR SALE. Ladies and Gentlemen Desiring Furniture of any description will find it to their advantage to call at 181 Lake-st.

TORREY'S WEATHER STRIPS. Sizes of the above strips sold these cold seasons considered. H. W. H. BRILEY & SON, 181 Lake-st.

RECTIFIERS Of whisky, Gin and wines of Italian Kaplo Grape. GALAXIES & CHICOTS; Also, Cordials, Bitters, &c.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

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Robert Hoe, Jr. & Co. PRINTERS' MACHINERY. Office, 14 CLARK ST. Factory, Nos. 244 to 248 Mercer Street. NEW YORK.

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STOCK HOLDERS' MEETINGS.

NOTICE.

PROPOSALS.

Real Estate Wanted—To Lease.

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Wanted—To Lease. For Fifteen or Twenty Years, Store, Lower, or Upper Floor, on LAKE, or JACKSON, or CLARK-st. and WASHINGTON-st. Apply to the undersigned, who will pay the highest cash rent for the same. FOR SALE.

WANTED.

Partner Wanted. The advertiser wishes to find a partner with a capital of $5,000 to $10,000 to engage in a manufacturing business. Address, stating where an interview can be had, W 74, Tribune office.

WANTED.

CLARK & [illegible]

FRESH [illegible]

A Few Words for the Little People.

A Merry Christmas.

To the Many Retired Country, Business Ministry, Factory-People, and Everybody.

NEW YORK.

Why the Holidays and Sabbath Are Most Fair in a Financial Point.

The Log Dreams, and the Popularity Among Men.

Seal-Skin Jackets and Alaska Sables.

Dress Materials—Costumes—Christmas Colors—Goodman's Leg-Rules.

A TRINITY CHURCH CASE.

A Railroad Monopoly.

A Plain Statement of the Case.

Resolutions of the Stove Pipe Ring.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Opinion Delivered by Judge Rogers.

Leave Granted the State's Attorney to File an Information to Test the Legality of the November Election.

AMUSEMENTS.

By-law of the Week at Home and Abroad.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE

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The largest stock, the best assortment, and the lowest prices in Men's, Youths', Boys', and Children's CLOTHING and FURNISHING GOODS to be found in the city.

BIG BARGAINS IN OVERCOATS!

This is No Humbug!

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Late L. DeGRAFF,

Corner of State & Randolph-sts

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A full assortment always on hand.

N. MATSON & CO.,

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117 Lake-st, Chicago.

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Those in search of Fine AMERICAN WATCHES will find my assortment of WALTHAM WATCHES second to none in Chicago, and at prices as reasonable as any other house.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Orphan Asylums to Select Boards.

Laws Granted the State's Attorney to Fix an Information in Lieu the Locality of the Offense Stolen.

REGULAR SESSION.

Proceedings of the Session this Morning.

The Board met at 10 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. Present—Commissioners Wentworth, Haines, Hoffman, Kreft, Lawrence, Lyon, Mann, Mason, Miller, Sexton, Sherman, Sturges, Tuley, Wallace, Wheeler, and President Loomis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Haines presented the petition of Mrs. Mary Ann Hall, praying for the appointment of a Justice of the Peace in the Town of Lake, in place of Justice Hall, deceased. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary

CHRISTINA NILSSON

CONCERT!

DIORAMA

FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

GRAND CLOSING SALE

On Tuesday, Dec. 27.

CATALOGUE SALE

12 TEMPTATIONS.

CHRISTMAS MATINEE

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

REGULAR SATURDAY SALE.

Ticket-of-Leave Man.

REAL ESTATE.

$1000

BOURNIQUE'S DANCING ACADEMY,

EASTMAN

CHRISTMAS.

BY ANNE BRONTE.

Now mirth is merry, and good cheer
Is in every house and heart;
And all the country hails the time
When Christ, our Lord, was born.
Hark! how the bells, sweet silver bells,
All seem to say to me,
Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!
To-day our Lord was born.

Now every face is wreathed with smiles,
And every hand is free
To give to those who lack enough
And comfort those in need.
All evil passions and revenge
Before this season flee;
Oh, celebrate with festivity
The birthday of our Lord.

Now every board is heaped with food
From every region far,
And every house is filled with guests
And every hearth with fire.
All this proclaims that they are merry,
And all should be merry.

Now every lad is wond'rous wise,
And every lass is fair,
And every purse is filled with gold—
Prosperity abounds.
All this proclaims that they are merry.

Now children hail Saint Nicholas from yore,
Who loves the little ones;
He, full well knows, is full of love
And kindness to the young.
All this proclaims that they are merry.

Now every house is swept and clean,
And every room is bright
With mistletoe and holly-sprigs
And berries red as blood.
All this proclaims that they are merry.

Now good cheer in the country dame
The poor, and she who turns away
Relieves not her own needy woman,
Or him and his people starve.
On him and on her shall be poured
The curses of the poor;
Then God their table shall afford
Which they to others close.

The client sees his suit dismissed,
The prisoner hears his doom,
The debtor's heart is sorrowful,
And sad the exile's home.
And for the child of poverty
No merry Christmas bells ring,
Who spends his days and passes his nights
In weeping and in woe.

But how the wise address do talk,
And how they meet in the street,
And how they shake each other's hand,
And how they greet and treat!
They wish each other merry Christmas,
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THE THIRTEENTH.

A Christmas Story.

Written for The Chicago Tribune.

For unexcusable generations the Grenvives were hard workers. They were also a very prosperous race, and, as a matter of course, ever held a public office; and he, blank sheep of the flock, had been allowed into here among Town Clerk. After holding the office for three years, he was, in his resignation, pronounced to be in native breath in stone for that error of his life. Stout, sturdy, and great beasts were the men of the Grenvive race, and women healthy and magnificent, even to old age. Franklin Grenvive was no exception to the excellence of his race. He was a man, at 50 rendered strong by the consciousness of the fullest meaning of the word, good; was worshipped by his wife, and dearly loved by his children, to whom he had been, and continued to be, a model father. He was a man who made money, and gave much in secret charity. He was a wonderful helper of deserving young men; always giving them credit, and never pressing them for money which could nothing. These qualities made him a noted person, because, in these days of unbelief, and of the worship of the golden calf, men who have these virtues to any large degree, and as a consequence the evil heads, and to be as many, and poor, and hard-working as they are, are not noted, but are left to sleep their eternal sleep.

Good fortune in the country home.

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A CHRISTMAS EVE IN GERMANY.

From Scribner's Monthly for January.

Of all the numerous Christmas gatherings at which I have ever been present, the most interesting was that of the Thuringian peasantry on the evening of the 24th of December. The members are either serfs or freemen of Count Von Erlach, Baron Von Hirsch, or Monsieur Von Rothschild, of Frankfort-on-the-Main. As the most precious remembrance of the master's kindness, each family receives a present of wood, and the gathering and distribution of this annual load furnishes the occasion for the festivities. The meeting was appointed for seven o'clock, and at that hour I found the great hall of the castle filled with a motley assemblage of men, women, and children, all in their holiday attire, and all laughing and chatting with the utmost freedom. The room was dimly lighted by a few candles, and the only ornaments were the antlers of deer, which hung in rows around the walls. Two long tables, covered with white cloths, were placed in the middle of the room, and at the head of each sat the steward of the estate, who was to preside over the distribution of the gifts. Behind the tables, and extending the whole length of the room, was a platform, on which were piled the bundles of wood, and on the floor in front of the platform were the baskets in which the wood was to be carried away.

Soon after seven o'clock the count arrived, and was received with a hearty cheer. He was accompanied by his wife and children, and by a few friends from the neighboring estates. He shook hands with the steward, and then, mounting the platform, he addressed the assembly in a few words of kindly greeting. He said that he was glad to see them all there, and hoped that they would enjoy themselves. He was sorry that he could not remain with them, but he had to go to Berlin that night, and must leave them in a few minutes. He then wished them a merry Christmas, and bade them farewell.

The steward now called the names of the heads of families, and as each name was called the person to whom it belonged stepped forward, received his bundle of wood, and carried it away. Then the children were summoned, and each received a present of cake, fruit, and toys. Finally the steward announced that the count had ordered a cask of beer to be broached for the use of the company, and that the festivities would be continued until midnight.

Before long, however, he found himself at Mr. Randolph's breakfast-room, where the family were already assembled, and where he was welcomed with a hearty shout of laughter at the appearance of the unusual guest who had come to spend Christmas with them.

The day passed pleasantly enough, and yesterday was my last country visit. It reminded me forcibly of Washington Irving's description of Christmas in the old English country-house, and I could not help wishing that I had been born in the days of the Stuarts, when the Christmas festivities were in their full glory.

Last night I went to the Opera House, which was crowded with a fashionable audience, and heard Mme. Nilsson sing in "Faust." It was a magnificent performance, and I enjoyed it very much; but I could not help thinking that I would have enjoyed it more if I had been in the country, and had heard the music in the midst of the scenes for which it was composed.

To-day I have been writing letters, and in the afternoon I walked down to the Battery, and looked at the ships in the harbor. Now it is evening, and I am sitting by the fire in my room, thinking of the events of the past week, and of the many friends whom I have left behind me in the country. I am very glad that I have had the opportunity of seeing a little of rural life in America, and I shall always look back to my visit to Mr. Randolph's as one of the most pleasant episodes in my life.

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RETHLEHEM.

A Phantasmagoria.

BY LOUISELLA B. REED.

From the Christmas Leader; A Holiday Weekly.

Of all the [illegible] I have often thought that, if we chose to [illegible] our traveller's eyes and ears to the [illegible] we should find a drama of deep interest around us. In the curved, narrow streets of our native town, with its irregular [illegible] and its quaint old houses, with their [illegible] and peaked roofs, there is many a [illegible] which, if we only stopped to look, and were not hurrying full speed to our every-day business, is the crowded main street of our country town and [illegible] of wagons, horses, tied and untied, [illegible], sleighs, men and women, with [illegible] of other, [illegible] every [illegible] variety; if we were only not too busy to look at it.

Yes, I acknowledge, all this motion and gayety and color, and change of color, fades into nothingness before the more picturesque of a market-day in some Oriental town, even the [illegible] of Jerusalem, or Damascus, or the [illegible] rose, could be dropped suddenly at the gates of a fair at Tunis, in Egypt, or the [illegible].

For it is not merely the gay, changing picture that is so different. The sounds that [illegible] are utterly different. The sounds that [illegible] are universal perhaps; the [illegible] of the human voice, the [illegible] of the [illegible], the [illegible] of the [illegible], the [illegible] of the [illegible],